

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1073

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-418, IDAHO CODE, TO
PROVIDE FOR AN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ VETERANS LICENSE PLATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-418, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

49-418. VETERANS PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle
registered under the provisions of section 49-402 or 49-434(1), Idaho Code,
may apply for and upon department approval receive special veterans license
plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section
shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over
twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of veterans plates for
other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the
department.

(2) Proof of being a current or former member of the United States armed
forces must be furnished to the department before special veterans plates
will be issued. Acceptable proof shall be a copy of form DD214 or an equiva-
lent document or statement from the department of veterans affairs.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section
49-402(1) or 49-434(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial pro-
gram fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the annual program fee of fif-
teen dollars (\$15.00) as specified in section 49-402, Idaho Code, and the
plate fee specified in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of
the initial program fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the annual program fee
shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund
the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Fifteen
dollars (\$15.00) of the initial program fee and five dollars (\$5.00) of the
annual program fee shall be deposited to the veterans cemetery maintenance
fund created in section 65-107, Idaho Code, and shall be used to operate and
maintain a state veterans cemetery.

(4) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the pro-
visions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer
the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer
fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt
of the new registration from the department.

(5) The veterans license plate design shall include the colors red,
white and blue, shall designate one (1) of the five (5) branches of military
service, and display either:

(a) The word "VETERAN"; ~~or~~

(b) The name of a conflict or war period recognized by the United States
department of veterans affairs for the purpose of awarding federal vet-
erans benefits as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(11); or

1 (c) For a current or former member of the United States armed forces who
2 has served in Afghanistan or Iraq during the post 9/11 global operations
3 period, as defined in 38 U.S.C. section 4110A(c), the name of the post
4 9/11 global operations theater.

5 The license plate design shall comply with all applicable rules of the de-
6 partment, and shall include a separate and distinct numbering system. The
7 design, color, and numbering system shall be subject to approval of the de-
8 partment.

9 (6) Veterans license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles
10 owned by the surviving spouse of a qualified veteran. In addition, the sur-
11 viving spouse of a deceased qualified veteran is eligible to reapply for and
12 shall be issued veterans license plates if the deceased qualified veteran
13 died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reap-
14 plication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the
15 surviving spouse.